



September 19, 2006

TO: Doug MacDonald

THRU: Brian Smith

FROM: Elizabeth Robbins
705-7371


SUBJECT: August 2006 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Governor Gregoire delegated approval of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments to you, effective January 28, 2005.

WSDOT's Policy Development & Regional Coordination Office coordinated with Highways & Local Programs, Public Transportation & Commute Options, and System Analysis & Program Development to review three MPO TIP amendments. We find the amendments meet the requirements stated in Title 23 United States Code, Section 134. Based on our review, we recommend you approve the following MPO TIP amendments:

- Puget Sound Regional Council—August 2006
- Southwest Washington Regional Council—August 2006
- Yakima Valley Conference of Governments—August 2006

APPROVED


Douglas B. MacDonald
Secretary of Transportation

9/20/06
Date

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Attachments

cc: Jerry Ayres, MS: 47387
Rick Judd, MS: 47325
Stephanie Tax, MS: 47390
Sue Watson, MS: 47325



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September 13, 2006

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Mr. Douglas B. MacDonald
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
Olympia, Washington

Attention: Stephanie Tax

2006-2008 STIP Amendment 06-08

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

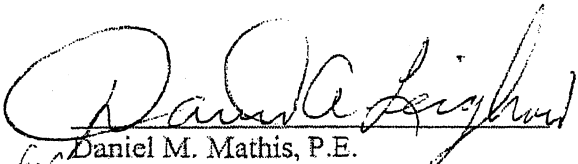
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received the August 31st letter from Ms. Stephanie Tax requesting approval of 2006-2008 STIP Amendment 06-08.

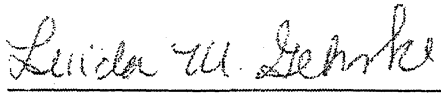
In accordance with 23 CFR 450.220, the FHWA and the FTA, based on the Certification of the statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes for and within the State of Washington, hereby find that the projects described in 2006-2008 STIP Amendment 06-08 are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirement of 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart A, B and C, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5035, and 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135.

Further, we find that the TIP Amendments of PSRC and RTC are in conformance with the State Implementation Plan for reducing the severity and number of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) violations and insuring expeditious attainment of the standards. Therefore, the amendment submitted by Ms. Tax is approved.

Approval of the STIP and any amendments thereto are not to be construed as a Federal-aid eligibility determination. Each project must satisfy the specific requirements of the program from which Federal funds are solicited, as well as other Federal requirements, before Federal funds are authorized.

If you have any questions concerning our joint action on this STIP amendment, please contact Sid Stecker of FHWA at 360-753-9555 and/or Ned Conroy of FTA at 206-220-4318.


for Daniel M. Mathis, P.E.
Division Administrator
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Regional Administrator
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Ref: TIP Amendments: PSRC 2006-08, RTC 06-August

cc: Elizabeth Robbins, (MS: 47370), PSRC (Larry Burris), WSDOT-NW Region, WSDOT-SW Region, WSDOT-SC Region, WSDOT-Olympic Region, WSDOT-NC Region.